***St. Mary’s Parish Pastoral Council***

Minutes from Work Session Meeting

September 17, 2018

6:33 pm: President Adam Haluska called the meeting to order.

6:35- **Roll Call-** June Maiers – by sign in.

Present Members: Adam Haluska, Jeff Geiskamper, Father Tim, Michel Montgomery, June Maiers, Brandon Nitcher, Bonnie Mattaliano, Marianne Harney, Nick Jedlicka, Nancy Upmeyer, 3 Mount Mercy students (Jenna, Hailey, Mindy)

6:36 – **Introduction of Mount Mercy Nursing Students –** observing for parish nurse roles.

6:40 – **Opening Prayer**- The Vision Statement and prayer from Joy of the Gospel was read.

6:45 – **Motion to approve minutes**- Moved by Fr. Tim, 2nd by Jedlicka. Unanimous Approve.

6:50 – **Commission reports:**

* Helping Hands Helping Hands- Marianne Harney:
  + Coffee makers and serving cart purchased.
  + Harvest Festival preparations all on track. No bouncy house this year
* Social Action- Bonnie Mattaliano:
  + Mental Health Meetings- which will be a public education event with the other churches in town. The first 2 sessions will take place at the Methodist Church on Sept 20th and Oct 18th  from 6:30 to 8. The last session will take place at the Solon Community Center on Nov 14th.
  + October is Respect Life Month.
    - Praying at Emma Goldman will take place – there will be signups
    - Baby Bottle fund raiser discussed – will be done in church
    - 40 days will occur again in February
  + “Trunk or Treat” – safe trick or treating organized by KC’s could be done at church. KC’s will work on it. Could do after All Saints on 11/01, or family gathering on 10/14 or both.
  + Kerri Benjamin is working with SA and Kevin on breakfast with Santa

7:15 **– General discussion/Fr. Tim. :**

* Annual Diocesan Appeal –
  + Will start October 6th & 7th.
  + We were $1500 over last year. Goal of $69,000 set for this year
  + Cards received in mailings discussed. These should be returned to diocese.
  + Additional literature and envelopes will be passed out in church.
* 20/20 Vision
  + Over 100 individuals signed up.
  + All on Pastoral Council encouraged to join
  + Group discussions have been excellent.
* Safety and Security
  + Discussion about having a commission to handle this issue. Will require further discussion.
  + Cameras: Adam and Jeff will check with the building committee and will check with the school to see what they use. Will be prepared for more discussion at next meeting.
  + June to send note to ushers to be aware of who is in the lobby during masses as there is some concern about children on the own due to the exit door back near the restrooms.
  + Safety guidelines – policies and procedures should be in place for keeping people safe if they are in the building and if they need to leave.
  + Key fobs would be helpful to have.
  + The church is a safe spot for the schools as well as being a go-to building for some sports teams in the event of inclement weather.
* New Roof
  + Will be doing the church and gathering space in the first phase
  + No date has been offered as roofing company is behind. Hoping for end of October
  + Metal shingles will be the covering with a 50 year warranty.
  + Overall cost is approximately $81,000, with $54,000 for just the church.
* Discussion on Fr. Tim’s eventual replacement
  + Need to comment on what sort of priest we want, and what qualities we would hope he would have.
  + Come prepared to discuss more at length next meeting
  + Need a committee to write the diocesan personnel board a letter regarding our desires. Should draft a letter at the next meeting. June volunteered to compose the letter.
  + Some characteristics desired include:
    - Good communication skills with all ages, children through adult
    - Good organizational skills
    - Energetic & willing to participate in many activities in church & community
    - Approachable
  + Placement will be based on Seniority.
  + There are 3 parishes needing new priests.
* Deanery meeting will be hosted here at St. Mary on Thursday, October 11.
  + Question will be posed: “How can we survive with one less priest?”
* Fr. Tim will be out of the area from 11/5-11/16. November meeting will be on 11/19.

7:40 – **Next Meeting:** Monday October 15th @ 6:30pm

7:44 – **Closing Prayer**

7:47 - **Adjourn**